क्र0 सं0	जिले का नाम	1.4.98 के अनुसार एक्सचेंज वाले ग्रामों की संख्या	1988-99 के दौरान खोले जाने वाले ग्रामीण एक्सचेंजों की संख्या	ग्रामों में वर्ष 1999-2000 के दौरान प्रस्तावित ग्रामीण एक्सचेंजों की सं0
46.	पटना	17	1	1
47.	नालंदा	24	-	1
48.	रांची	14	1	1
49.	गुमला	5	1	1
50.	लोहारडाग	6	-	1
51.	सहरसा	21	1	1
52.	सुपौल	11	-	1
53.	माधेपुरा	6	-	1
54.	रोहतास	15	-	1
55.	कैमूर (भाभुआ)	7	-	1
	कुल	626	30	55

Electronic Exchanges in Assam

1425. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such telephone exchanges in Assam which have not yet been converted into electronic exchanges so far;

(b) by when these are likely to be converted; and

(c) the names of places where Government have decided to instal new electronic exchanges during Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) All the telephone exchanges working in Assam are electronic.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Name of places where new electronic exchanges installed during 1997-98 and planned to be installed during 1998-99 are given in Statement. *{see below).* The exchange-wise commissioning programme is finalised on year to year basis based on demand. Therefore, commissioning programme beyond 1998-99 will be decided at appropriate time.

Statement

(a) *New Electronic Exchanges installed during 1997-98*

S.No.	Station
1.	Bagmara
2.	Marowa
3.	Belsore
4.	Sasoni
5.	Jhanjijamaguri
6.	Dadra
7.	Mirza
8.	Kamalpur
9.	Borihat
10.	Kalapahar
11.	Kheroni
12.	Bhuragaon
13.	Ambagan
14.	Uriagaon
15.	Chowdhury Bazar
16.	Borpujia
17.	Jakhalabanda
18.	Srikona
19.	Salganga
20.	Pailapool
21.	Kashipur
22.	Jalalapur
23.	Dalgaon
24.	Harisinga
25.	Nappam

(b) *New Electronic Exchanges planned to be installed during 1998-99*

SI. No.	Station	Remarks
1.	RRL-Jorhat	Commissioned
2.	Meharpur-Silchar	Commissioned
3.	Satgaon Guwahati	Commissioned
4.	Basistha Charali-Guwahati	Commissioned
5.	North Guwahati	Commissioned
6.	Silonijan	Commissioned
7.	Gelcky	Commissioned
8.	Kuthori	Commissioned
9.	Dargakona	Commissioned
10.	Mandia	Commissioned
11.	Charaibahi	Commissioned
12.	Betadrova	Commissioned
13.	Kala Cheray	Commissioned
14.	Baithalangshu	
15.	Machagarh	
16.	Dhekiul	
17.	Chagolia	
18.	Salkocha	
19.	Halakura	
20.	Baithamari	
21.	Bhowraguri	
22.	Tantoo	
23.	Sadin Bazar	
24.	Bantarapur	
25.	Borsola	
26.	Pithaguli	

Filling up the Vacancy of Phone Mechanics

1426. SHRI MUNAVAAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees working under, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and West Bengal circle having qualified the phone mechanic examination and getting training have not been posted so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which Government are likely to appoint all such employees to the post of phone mechanic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of such employees are awaiting their posting as Telecom Mechanic (previously known as Phone Mechanic) due to non-availability of vacancies in the cadre of Telecom Mechanic.

(c) All such employees having qualified the Phone Mechanic examination and trained will be posted gradually on availability of post of Telecom Mechanic.